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The Honorable Frank LaRose, Chair
Senate Transportation, Commerce & Workforce Committee
Ohio Senate
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio 43215

RE: Am. Sub. HB 26 (Transportation Budget) and Permissive MVL Fees

I would like to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Josh Pennock and I am currently the Chairman of the Painesville Township Board of Trustees, a registered Professional Engineer State of Ohio and a registered Professional Traffic Operation Engineer. I am Senior Project Manager for an engineering firm in northeast Ohio where I design and manage numerous roadway and bridge rehabilitation projects. The lack of funding to repair to our failing infrastructure repair is something that I deal with every week. The current level of funding to maintain our infrastructure is inadequate, and it shows. The reduction in the LGF and the elimination of TPP has had a detrimental impact on my Townships ability to fund our safety services and road maintenance operations. When you couple the reduced funding with the nearly 200% increase in the cost of asphalt over the past 15 years we are falling behind our infrastructure needs.

Painesville Township has a population of 16,891 and contains 90.36 miles of roadway. The Township is responsible for maintenance of 50.39 miles while the remaining 39.97 miles are maintained by the County and State. Residents of Painesville Township pay the full \$20 MVL fee permissible under the current law. The existing \$5.00 fee (O.R.C. 4504.18) generates approximately \$46,520.87 for the Township each year. We receive an additional \$115,498.24 as the Township's share of the MVL fee enacted by the County.

Painesville Township currently receives approximately \$270,000 per year from the gasoline tax, motor vehicle license tax and permissive motor vehicle license tax. This money is used for the sole purpose of paving and patching our roads. We spend approximately \$500,000 on our road paving program each year which is funded through the gasoline tax and license tax revenue along with matching money from the Ohio Public Work Commission. Painesville Township just renewed a 5-year road levy which generates approximately \$800,000 per year. The money generated by the levy is used for staffing and vehicle replacement and maintenance.

Giving municipalities and townships the ability to levy an additional \$5.00 MVL fee would go a long way in making needed repairs to our local roadway system. Each and every dollar paid would be used in the community in which the resident who paid the fee lives. Thank you for your time and consideration on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Josh Pennock
Chairman, Painesville Township Board of Trustees